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SUBJECT: FOOD SUPPLIES IN ROSTOV AND AZOV, MAY 18-19

SUMMARY: MEAT SUPPLIES IN ROSTOV-ON-DON AND AZOV WERE BARELY
ADEQUATE. NO SHORTAGES OF OTHER FOODSTUFFS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFFS FOUND LIMITED SUPPLIES OF PROK (4 2.80/KILO),
AND PORK FAT (R 2.50) AT ROSTOV'S CENTRAL YARMARKA MARKET
AT 1000 MAY 18. THERE WERE SHORT LINES FOR BOTH. LOTS OF
LARD WAS ON SALE, FOR R 2, AS WELL AS SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
OF WHOLE SMALL CHICKENS (R 10-11) AND WHOLE SKINNED RABBITS
(R 10). THE ONLY BEEF WE SAW WAS STEW MEAT, SELLING FOR
R 2.56 AT A KIOSK AT THE CORNER OF GAZETNIY PERIULOK AND
MOSKOVSKAYA ULITSA. THERE WAS A FAIRLY LONG LINE AT 1700
MAY 19 HERE. FROZEN FISH WAS ABUNDANT AT THE STATE STORE
AT 23 ENGELSA, AS WAS FRESH FISH AT THE STATE STORE AT 25
PODBEL'SKOGO PERIULOK. FORZEN FISH PRICES RANGED FROM
R 1.60 - 40 KOPECKS; FRESH FISH SOLD FOR R 2.20 - 90 K.

2. BREAD WAS PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE CITY. FOR EXAMPLE

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AT THE STATE STORE AT THE CORNER OF ENGELSA AND UL CHEKOVA,
AT 0915 MAY 18, THE FOLLOWING PRICES OBTAINED (SUPPLIES ABUN-
DANT): WHITE (FIRST SORT) 13 K FOR SMALL LOAF; BORWN
(2ND SORT): 16 K; BEIGE (FIRST SORT): 20 FOR LARGE LOAF.
ALSO ON SALE WERE NEW UKRANIAN WHITE AT 14 K FOR SMALL
LOAF; SARATOVSKIY BEIGE, AT 27 K; AND DONSKOY SPECIAL WHITE,
AT 40 K PER LOAF.

3. OTHER ITEMS AT THE YARMARKA WERE PRICED AS FOLLOWS:

EGGS R 1.10 FOR TEN, BUTTER R 1.30/KILO, TOMATOES R 6;
CUCUMBERS R 1.50, ONIONS 60 K, CABBAGE R 1.50, RADISHES
30 K, LETTUCE, 15 K FOR SMALL BUNCH, BEETS, 30K , APPLES
R 1.5 - 5 DEPENDING ON AGE AND FIRMNESS, CARROTS, 80 K,
SQUASH R 2, TURNIPS R 1.20, POTATOES 40 K, STRAWBERRIES
R 5, CHERRIES R 3.50, LOCAL ORGANGES R 7. ONLY SUPPLIES OF
TOMATOTES APPEARED LIMITED, AND THIS WAS PERHAPS
SEASONAL.

4. IN AZOV (NEAR THE DON DELTA), WE SURVEYED THE COOPERATIVE
STORES ON THE CENTRAL SQUARE OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL
AT 1700 MAY 18. WE FOUND SEEMINGLY ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF
GOOD-LOOKING BEEF AT R 2.90, AND ONE LAND SAID IT HAD BEEN
ON SALE FOR OVER A WEEK, MORNING AND NIGHT. THERE WERE
ADEQUATE BUT SOMEWHAT OLD-LOOKING VEGETABLES IN THE NEARBY
STATE STORE, PRICED AS FOLLOWS: CABBAGE 45K/KILO,
CARROTS 30 K, RADISHES 30 K, POTATOES 15 K, AND BEETS
12 K. THE SMALL LOCAL MARKET WAS REPORTEDLY OUT OF
TOWN AND THRE WAS NOT TIME TO SURVEY IT.

5. COMMENT: WHILE MEAT WAS NOT PLENTIFUL IN EITHER
ROSTOV-ON-DON OR AZOV, SUPPLIES WERE BETTER THAN IN MANY
OTHER CITIES WE HAVE VISITED, PARTICULARLY TO THE NORTH.
WE DID NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION LOCAL CITIZENS
FELT MUCH OF A PINCH IN THEIR DIETS.
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